Mustaqbil, Muskarahaten Hind, Nai Duniya & Awaam, Akbarj-e-Mashriq, All India Urdu Council.

MTNL Delhi:

Jahne jadeed, Mehfil-e-Sanam & Jadeed Markaj.

Diary Purchase Scam in MTNL

†1741. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the diary purchase scam in MTNL; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir. However, Bharatiya Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Karamchari Sangh had represented in this regard.

(b) The matter has been investigated by CVO, MTNL and the allegation is not substantiated.

Provision of Internet facilities in H.P.

1742. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of towns / cities in Himachal Pradesh where internet facilities have been provided;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has provided Internet facilities in all towns / cities of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Activation of Hotline at Sungaon, Bihar

†1743. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether hotline telephone installed at Sungaon Panchayat in Motihari District of Bihar is working properly;

(b) whether Government are aware that due to non-payment of bill for few months the said telephone is not working;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government propose to take against the guilty persons / officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, there is no hot line telephone installed at Sungaon Panchayat in Motihari District of Bihar. One MARR Telephone No. 06252-23833 is installed there.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) This telephone is disconnected due to non-payment of Rs. 13,661 since 22.03.2001.

(d) Not applicable in view of (c) above.

Legal notices issued by GMT, Faridabad

1744. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:
SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of legal notices issued by GMT, Faridabad to its consumers for non-payment of outstanding Government dues in respect of closed telephone/ N.E. lines during the last six months;

(b) whether some consumers have responded to the legal notice by stating that the notice issued to them are illegal inviting attention to award / compensation given by District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum, Faridabad thereon; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the GMT, Faridabad to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Legal Notices have been issued by GMTD, Faridabad to 140 subscribers for non-payment of outstanding Government dues in respect of closed telephone / NE lines during last six months. An amount of about Rs. 2.05 crores is involved therein. The notices were issued on 17.4.2001, 28.5.2001, 6.6.2001 to 16.6.2001.